

## **Wait Time Information - Total Hip Replacement Surgery**

### **Q: What is a hip replacement?**

A **hip replacement** (total hip replacement) is an orthopaedic surgical procedure in which the hip joint is replaced with man-made devices called prostheses. Replacing the hip joint consists of replacing both the ball (acetabulum) and the socket (femoral head).

### **Q: Where will I be referred to have this surgery?**

Ask your doctor/specialist where you can have your hip replacement surgery, as this procedure is performed in the following hospitals:

#### **Eastern Health**

General Hospital - Health Sciences Centre – St. John's  
St. Clare's Mercy Hospital – St. John's

#### **Central Health**

James Paton Memorial Hospital – Gander

#### **Western Health**

Western Memorial Regional Hospital – Corner Brook

#### **Labrador-Grenfell Health**

Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital – St. Anthony



### **Q: How are wait times measured?**

For this operation, the wait time is measured from when you and your orthopaedic surgeon decide to proceed with surgery to when the procedure is completed.

### **Q: What is the benchmark wait time for hip replacement surgery?**

The national benchmark for hip replacement is 182 days. This means that orthopaedic surgeons and the health regions are working together to perform the majority of hip replacements within the 182-day target. The most recent wait times for hip replacement surgery in the RHAs are:

**Table 1: Hip Replacement Surgery by Region for Q3 (October 1 to December 31, 2010-2011)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Eastern Health</b>	<b>Central Health</b>	<b>Western Health</b>	<b>Labrador-Grenfell Health</b>
<b>Wait Time Information</b>				
<b>Number of hip replacement procedures completed</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>DS</b>
<b>5 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days</b>	<b>139 days</b>	<b>48 days</b>	<b>59 days</b>	<b>DS</b>
<b>9 out of 10 patients had surgery within this number of days</b>	<b>596 days</b>	<b>95 days</b>	<b>72 days</b>	<b>DS</b>
<b>Percentage of patients who had surgery within 182 days</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>DS</b>

Data source: Regional Health Authorities, Newfoundland and Labrador